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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. GREECE

GOVERNMENT DECREES IN ATHENS HAVE:

--REESTABLISHED THE RIGHTS OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO
FORM AND FUNCTION;

--RESCINDED THE BAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY;

--RESTORED THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION.

IN COMMENTING ON THE DECREES, PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS
STATED THAT THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE HOLDING OF
ELECTIONS ARE NOT FAR OFF. (TICKER)

2. EGYPT-JORDAN-PLO

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AS A RESULT OF THE CAIRO TRIPARTITE COMMUNIQUE,
EGYPT IS NOW ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING TWO APPARENTLY CONTRA-
DICTORY VIEWS OF WHO REPRESENTS THE PALESTINIANS. HOWEVER:

--THE GOE STRATEGY REMAINS TO BRING THE PLO AND
JORDAN TOGETHER TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE JORDAN
DISENGAGEMENT;

--FAHMI WILL PROBABLY ARGUE THAT THE COMMUNIQUE
SIMPLY REAFFIRMS THAT THE PLO IS THE "SOLE REPRESENT-
ATIVE" OF PALESTINIANS "OUTSIDE JORDAN."

IN NEW YORK FAHMI WILL ESCHEW ANY DEFENSIVE POSTURE
AND CLAIM THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WAS A PUBLIC RELATIONS
GESTURE TO PERMIT PALESTINIAN MODERATES TO MEET THE
JORDANIANS WITHOUT LOSS OF FACE. (SECRET) CAIRO 7414, 9/23
(EXDIS).

3. SAUDI ARABIA

COMMENTING ON HIS RECENT TOUR OF THE ARAB CAPITALS,
FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF STATED THAT:

--ALL OF THE ARAB LEADERS ARE DETERMINED TO RESUME
WAR WITH ISRAEL UNLESS ISRAEL GIVES UP ALL THE LANDS
IT TOOK FROM THE ARABS IN 1967.

--HE HAD TRIED TO CONVINCE HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE US
DOES NOT WANT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOLLOWING
THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS WOULD MOVE TO PERSUADE ISRAEL
TO GIVE UP ITS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (SECRET) JIDDA
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